

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 9-20, (as originally filed) as follows:

The absorbent body 23 is designed such that, in the three layers, the whole content of the super absorbent polymers 28 is 55% by weight, the whole content of the pulp fibers 27 is 45% by weight, and further the super absorbent polymers 28 meet the following ~~1) to 3)~~ absorption capability conditions:

- 1) an absorption speed of 30 cc of artificial urine is 50 seconds or less,
- 2) an absorbed amount of artificial urine under a pressure of 20 g/cm² is 28 cc/g or more, and
- 3) a moisture absorbing blocking rate (gel strength) is 50% or less.

And please add the following paragraph at page 14, line 21 before the paragraph beginning with "The above absorption capability..." and ending with "...blocking rate, respectively."

An absorbent body 23 having these properties may be used in the embodiment shown in FIGS. 5, 6, 8A and 8B wherein the absorbent body 23 includes a layer L1 of pulp fibers 27 and a mixed layer L2 of pulp fibers 27 and super absorbent polymers 28.